

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1956.

Dear Allen:

Recently Cardinal Mooney, while in my office, made the statement that in certain parts of Czechoslovakia the persecution of citizens based upon religious belief -- actually in the hope of stamping out religion itself -- is as cruel as anywhere in the world. What do your reports on this matter indicate?

As ever,

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The Honorable Allen Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

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November 27, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR ADAMS AND ALLEN DULLES

SUBJECT: Bela Fabian

- (1) Have you any comments or instructions regarding the attached memorandum?
- (2) Are there any reasons for not seeing him?
- (3) Are there any reasons for any special treatment other than courteous listening?
- (4) Do you wish to have anyone else present at the interview?

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Deputy Special Assistant
to the President

Attachment

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EXHIBIT

White House

Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with Dr. Bela Fabian

Mrs. Heddavary (?), a Hungarian lady whom I met some years ago through my daughter in Geneva, telephoned me from New York yesterday. She said she is working with the "Hungarian National Council" (?) or the "Assembly for Captive Nations" (?) and she wished me to talk with Dr. Bela Fabian. Bela Fabian is referred to in an article in the New York Herald Tribune of September 1, 1956, as "a former member of the Hungarian Parliament, on the Executive Committee of the Hungarian National Council".

Dr. Fabian inquired about the possibility of a conference with Vice President Nixon or the President. He was much exercised about the Hungarian situation and upbraided the United States for "not doing anything". He said that the Soviet plan is to "make a desert" out of Hungary and that they are already shipping women and children away and that they plan to "exterminate the entire population". He spoke of a new Soviet General who, he said, had arrived in Budapest "four days ago".

Dr. Fabian referred to similar deportations on a "small scale" which began in Hungary in 1951. He said that he came to Washington then and "talked to President Truman about it", and that Truman made "one simple statement -- 'Stop or else', and the thing was stopped".

Dr. Fabian said that the Red Army is "revolting everywhere" and referred to the situation in Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Moscow.

Dr. Fabian said that Sobelov and Shepilov had recently referred to him (Fabian) as "responsible for the revolution in Hungary". He referred to some of his writings, including a book published by Scribners and an article in the New York Herald Tribune of September 1, 1956. That article is entitled "Khrushchev and the Silent Revolution".

Dr. Fabian said that he would like to come to Washington at once and asked whether I would receive him. I said that I would be glad to see him but I pointed out that our Government was keenly aware of the tragic situation in Hungary and that it had been extremely active on this subject as a top priority during recent weeks.

I suggested that if he had some additional facts perhaps he might like to talk to someone from Allen Dulles' office. He said that he knew Mr. Dulles very well and that Mr. Dulles "has all the facts already".

Dr. Fabian telephoned again this morning and asked if he could come down tomorrow. He asked again to see the Vice President or the President. I told him that neither of them was in Washington. He said he would like to come anyway and I told him that I would see him at 4:30 if he wished to come. He is coming.


Amos J. Peaslee

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

I am informed by EE Division that Mr. Fabian is a member of the Executive Committee of the Hungarian National Council and the only member who is of the Jewish faith. He is considered an ultra-conservative who has no real following either inside of Hungary or within the emigre group in the U.S. He does have a number of high level contacts with people like Bill Jackson and therefore has a certain amount of influence with Americans.

The Division recommends that Mr. Fabian be afforded no special treatment other than courteous listening by Mr. Peaslee. Would you like to have me call Mr. Peaslee?

28 Nov 56
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